

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

PSALMS: The Prayers & Praises of God's People - Psalm 98:1-9 - All of Creation Praise God for His Salvation - 08.18.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. As you read through Psalm 98, what is the primary thrust of this Psalm & what stands out as a rightful response for all to the LORD?
Based on what the Psalmist has written about songs, praises, joyful noise, etc. unto the Lord, how does your life reflect this?
Do you feel that outward praise (specifically in song) is a regular part of your life & expression of worship unto Christ?
If not, how could you better cultivate a heart that yearns to praise and a willingness to express it outwardly in your life?
Are there practical steps you could take to better prioritize this, and if so, will you commit to taking those steps?
3. As you consider verses 1-3, what specific reasons that the Psalmist lists for singing to the LORD a new song?
What is the relationship between God's "steadfast love" & "faithfulness" and what does that have to do with his salvation?
Why is it critically important for us to understand that it is GOD who has worked salvation, and for all nations to know this?
What does Scripture reveal about the role of Israel in the salvation of God extending to ALL the nations of the world?
4. How do verses 4-6 expand from the focus of Israel alone to an invitation/command to all the earth to give praise to the Lord?
Why is it important to understand that this is both an invitation AND a command to all people?
Does it help you to prioritize praising God in your life by remembering it's both an invitation AND a command?
Do you find music to be a helpful format for you in praising/worshiping God in your life? Why or why not?
5. Read verses 7-9 - how does the description here motivate you to worship/praise the Lord as you consider all of creation doing so?
According to verse 9, what is the reason for which all of these aspects of creation praise the Lord?
Why should the reality that the LORD is coming to judge the earth lead all of creation to praise the Lord?
Why is it so important that He is the one judging the earth and that He does so with equity?
How does your relationship with Jesus fundamentally change your standing before God?
How does this free you to operate from love for God rather than fear of His wrath upon you when He judges?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
God's love, power, & faithfulness are revealed in the salvation He provides through Jesus!
TRUST IN THE LORD FOR HIS SALVATION!
God's gracious gift of salvation available to all results in the intentional praise of people!
PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS SALVATION!
All of creation is for the praise & glory of our righteous & just God who reigns forever!
WORSHIP THE LORD WITH ALL CREATION!